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MARCH 15, 2026 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | ARTIST: CARL BLOCH

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When Jesus heals the man born blind, I am always struck by the physical contact and the forcefulness of the image of Jesus making the clay and rubbing it into his eyes. This is not the first or only time that Jesus comes into close contact with weak and broken humanity. He heals lepers and raises the dead by touching them. He even heals a deaf and mute man by putting his fingers in his ears and mouth. To me, these images are a visceral sense of how closely the Lord wants to be to our weaknesses and wounds. Jesus does not typically heal us and lead us to new life from afar, but by drawing close to us and bringing his grace directly to the places that need his mercy and love. So we can invite the Lord with confidence to those places of brokenness and evil within our hearts and minds, assured that he wants to bring his light and faith.

Flint Mission Trip: Last week, I had the pleasure of spending 5 days in Flint serving alongside about 20 students involved in our Campus Ministry. It was a wonderful opportunity to engage in service and mission in an area where there is great physical and spiritual poverty and need. Some of the highlights for me were the opportunity to go door-to-door in the eastside neighborhoods and help at a youth group for local middle schoolers one night. Please pray for all those in the city of Flint, especially for continued perseverance and wisdom for those serving there full-time. It is an extremely demanding place to minister.

Feast of St. Joseph: While St. Patrick's Day is this week, be sure not to sleep on the celebration of the feast of St. Joseph on Thursday. Not only is this an opportunity to celebrate in the midst of Lent, but it is also a particularly powerful day to intercede for Fathers. Take some time on Thursday to pray in particular for Fathers that they might be good spiritual leaders and protectors of their families.

God Bless You,
Fr. Jack

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

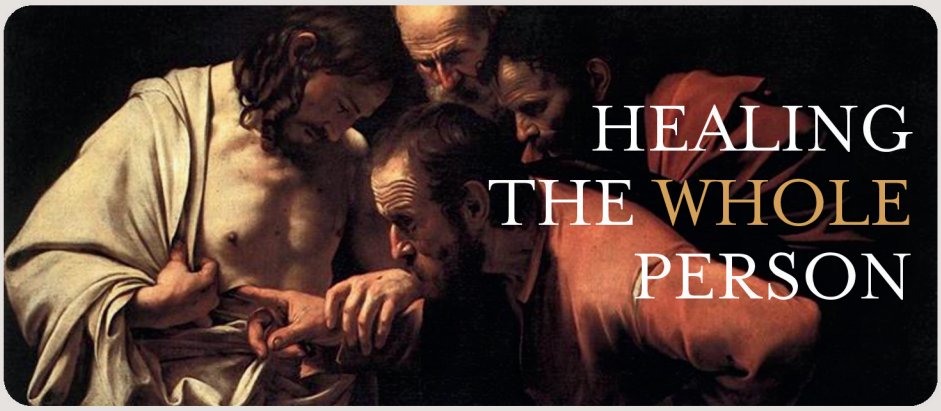
ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

Join Us This Spring!



Encounter the Risen Christ this Easter Season and receive His healing and new life!

WHAT IS IT:
Healing the Whole Person is an 8-week series from the *John Paul II Healing Center* that invites you to explore the human heart, the wounds we carry, and the healing Christ desires to bring. Through video teachings from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, you'll be guided in reflection and prayer to receive Christ's healing love in your life.

WHEN IS IT:
Tuesday Evenings, April 14 - June 2
7:00–9:00 PM

WHO'S IT FOR:
For anyone desiring wholeness, freedom and an encounter with a loving Creator. Those who have participated in previous sessions are very welcome to return and go deeper in their relationship with Christ.

SCAN TO REGISTER:

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

"What we GIVE is what we have FROM the Lord" 1 Chronicles 29:14

Please scan the QR code or visit www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal to make a life-changing gift to DSA today!

SJ Beat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

WORSHIP NIGHT

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

Join us for our Lenten Worship Night. Come adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and praise Him through powerful worship music. Experience a dynamic, Spirit-filled evening rooted in the Lord's presence. Confession will be available.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

EXODUS 90 - FRATERNITY MORNINGS

EVERY SATURDAY
JANUARY 17TH - MARCH 28TH
6:30am
downstairs in the Parish Life Center

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

Save the Date

MAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

Due to Good Friday and Holy Saturday falling on the first Friday and Saturday of April, we will resume All-Night Adoration in May.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

Lent 2026

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross invite us to walk with Christ in His Passion—not as observers, but as companions. Join us this Lent as we pray them together as a parish community.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7PM

SJB LENTEN FASTING & PRAYER INTENTIONS

All parishioners are invited to sign up for one day of fasting and prayer during Lent for our Diocese and our parish.

Our Lenten intentions: the needs of Bishop Earl Boyea; vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese; the grace of deeper conversion for all at St. John the Baptist; and the advance of God's Kingdom in Ypsilanti.

PLEASE SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE.

Easter Triduum Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY-EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Daily Mass, Confession, or Adoration

6 PM | Mass

7:30 PM | Adoration at the Altar of Repose

In the Parish Gathering Space

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

No Daily Mass, Confession, or Adoration

3 PM | Liturgy

7 PM | Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY-THE EASTER VIGIL

No Daily Mass and Confession

9 PM | Mass

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9 AM & 11 AM | Mass

The Parish Office, will be closed on Thursday, April 2 - Monday, April 6.

CAMPUS MINISTRY FLINT MISSION TRIP

We were blessed to go on a mission trip to Flint over Spring Break. As in previous years, we worked closely with the Sisters (Servants of God's Love) on the East Side of Flint and served in various ministries throughout the city.

The students had the opportunity to go door-to-door evangelizing and praying with individuals and families living around St. Mary's on the East Side. We also helped host an Evening of Prayer and Praise, offering prayer ministry and leading times of meditation.

In addition, we served at a soup kitchen, visited the elderly at a nursing home, and spent time with the children at St. John Vianney School.

GET CONNECTED!

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One of our students shared that his greatest grace during the trip was seeing how the poor were joyful because they know the Lord. He reflected that he has seen many wealthy people who are unhappy, and for him this was a powerful reminder that Jesus is everything.

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

March 16th.....Redemptive Suffering / Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

March 23rd.....No Class

March 30th.....Easter Triduum FYI / Q&A Panel

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

PRAY FOR THE SJB CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS!

We invite all parishioners to keep the Catechumens and Candidates in OCIA in your prayers in a special way. Please pray for them for protection, grace, support from our parish community, and lives that radiate the joy of knowing Jesus.

Thank you for accompanying them in prayer as they continue their journey into the fullness of the Catholic faith.

RISING
FROM THE ASHES REVIVAL

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The Archdiocese of Detroit extends a warm invitation to Catholics across Michigan to join the ***Rising from the Ashes Revival***, a day to renew your faith in Jesus Christ and encounter Him more deeply in the Eucharist. Through inspiring speakers, vibrant praise and worship, and fellowship with Catholics from across the region, the day offers opportunities for prayer, formation, and community. Come be renewed in hope, strengthened as a disciple, and sent forth to bring Christ's love to the world.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND
RISINGREVIVAL.ORG

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

PRAYER VIGIL TO END ABORTION

FEBRUARY 18TH - MARCH 29TH
7AM - 7PM DAILY
3100 Professional Drive, Ann Arbor

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR VIGIL HOURS OR STOP BY AS YOU ARE ABLE.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSICAL (SJC) HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS 2026- 2027

New family registration begins April 1.

Grades 1–8: Faith-filled grammar program supporting academic and spiritual growth. Grades 9–12: High school support classes in Biology, Chemistry, Civics, Theology, Literature, Quilting, and Carpentry, meeting once per week on Mon/Wed/Fri.

Contact Anna Nowaczewski: annan@sjypsi.com for calendar, class descriptions, and schedule.

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

You're invited to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI)—a 10–15 minute survey that helps diocesan and parish leadership reflect on discipleship and identify key strengths and opportunities. Your feedback will help guide future planning and priorities so our parish and diocese can better support people in knowing, loving, and serving Christ. Thank you for taking the time to participate!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH
12:15 PM: Leo & Chris Neville
Requested by Anonymous

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH
6:00 PM: Intentions of Patrick II & Eileen Meyer
Requested by Pat & Eileen Meyer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Michael Meyer
Requested by Eileen Meyer

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Sr. Mary David Klocek
Requested by Mary Comazzi

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST
8:00 AM: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Sr. Kelly MacDonald

5 PM: †Sean Willard
Requested by Natalie Klackle

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND
9:00 AM: People of the Parish

11 AM: †Aldo Monti
Requested by Lori & Michael Boylan

GIVE ONLINE
ypsicatholic.org/give

Saint Patrick

March 17, 2026

Maewyn Succat, or Patrick, was born in Britain toward the beginning of the 5th century, though his exact birth date is unknown. He came from a Christian family, as his father was a deacon in their church. He himself did not initially believe in Christ, until his circumstances brought him to the point of needing God's intervention. At the age of sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates, transported to Ireland and sold as a slave to tend and herd sheep.

It was during his time as a slave that he began to turn to God in prayer. He prayed every day and asked for God's mercy as he reflected on his early life and how he had turned away from Him in his youth. God opened Patrick's heart and mind, and from thereon, he knew that he could not be silent about the grace and mercy of God. He would remain an enslaved shepherd for six years, until he had a dream in which God told him to return home.

In this dream he was told to go to the coast and that his boat was ready. The next morning he left everything behind and found a ship ready to sail. The sailors agreed to take him aboard. After his 200-mile journey home, the transition back to his old life was hard, but God continued to speak to him. Through more dreams and mystical experiences, Patrick discerned that God was calling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Knowing that he lacked theological and Latin education, Patrick began studying for the priesthood before returning to Ireland. He was ordained a priest and later a Bishop, and was sent to Ireland to preach the Gospel.

He returned to Ireland with zeal and a desire for the salvation of many souls. At the time, there were a great number of people who were druids and pagans, but after hearing Patrick's message, thousands of people converted to Christianity. Eventually, more Bishops were placed throughout Ireland, and many churches were founded, and violence diminished across the country. In the Confession of St. Patrick, he wrote about many of these experiences.

After many years of converting hearts as a missionary, Patrick died on March 17, 461. He is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. As we celebrate his feast day, let us reflect on his life and how Christ calls each of us to live our mission.

St. Patrick, Pray for Us

Scan the QR Code to read the Confession of St. Patrick.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
MARCH 21ST & MARCH 22ND

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Shawn Lenhardt	Alex Uram
Need Volunteer	Angela Parrinello	Steve Uram
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	Need Volunteer	Andy Winnie
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Wendy Winnie
LECTORS		
Tom Moffit	Jessica Jenkins	Jack Lynch
Mike Weathers	Maralee Meyer	Theresa Urbanic
SACRISTAN		
Natalie Klackle	Lucy Shaw	Therese Lasswell
ALTAR SERVERS		
Lawrence Okpala	Adrian Anderson	Eliseo Gonzalez
Scott Wells	Damien Lussier	Hank Kangas
Need Volunteer	Need Volenteer	Tom Kangas

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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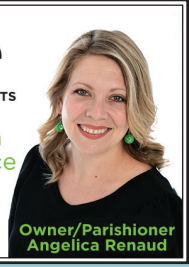
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